

63. The passive safety mechanism of claim 61 wherein said blocking means provides alignment to said triggerbar.

64. The passive safety mechanism of claim 61 wherein said blocking means positions a trigger return spring.

65. The passive safety mechanism of claim 63 wherein said blocking means positions a trigger return spring.

66. The passive safety mechanism of claim 61 wherein normal operation of said firearm is precluded when said blocking means is removed.

67. The passive safety mechanism of claim 61 wherein normal operation of said firearm is precluded when said connecting means is removed.

68. In a firearm having a sear, a trigger, a triggerbar, and a longitudinally slidable firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

- a. a blocking means to block said firing element; and
- b. a connecting means which connects said blocking means to said trigger.

69. The passive safety mechanism of claim 68 wherein said connecting means connects said trigger to said triggerbar.

70. The passive safety mechanism of claim 68 wherein said connecting means is a slidable link.

71. The passive safety mechanism of claim 69 wherein said connecting means is a slidable link.

72. The passive safety mechanism of claim 69 wherein said connecting means provides pivot means for said triggerbar.

73. In a handgun having a frame, a sear, and a longitudinally slidable firing element; a passive safety mechanism comprising:

- a. a blocking means moveable between a blocking location, in which said firing element is obstructed from traveling to the firing position, and an unblocking location, in which travel of said firing element toward the firing position is unobstructed by said blocking means;

characterized in that said blocking means is located in a frame recess accessible from the rear of said frame.